

Please stop Sinclair Broadcasting from airing their blatantly partisan portrayal of Senator John Kerry on their stations. This is not news. This is not in the public interest. It's a dishonest smear campaign. To top it off, they are not giving equal time to the other candidate. Inviting the candidate to be put in trial in the face of these biased and false accusations is not a real attempt to give him real time. The purpose of the FCC is to catch these things. Please act now.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.